Cochin-Madurai Highway

1848. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total distance of Cochin-Madurai National Highway;

(b) when this road was declared as National Highway;

(c) what portion of the National Highway falls in Tamil Nadu;

(d) what were/are the major works undertaken on this route; and

(e) how much fund were spent on this route so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 287 kms.

(b) 20th February, 1989.

(c) Madurai to Kerala border in a length of 119 km.

(d) Thirteen works costing Rs. 178.02 lakhs are in progress.

(e) A sum of Rs. 608.73 lakhs has been spent upto 31.2.1993 on this route.

Treatment of Road Accident Victims

1849. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVISHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal regarding constitution of teams at various places for providing treatment to the road accidents victims on National Highways; and

(b) if so, the number of National Highways passing through Gujarat and Saurashtra where such teams have been constituted and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up rescue teams at a distance of every 50 KMs on National Highways under the National Highways Relief Service Scheme. Initially, it is proposed to start the scheme on National Highways between Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra-Kanpur.

Widening of National Highway

1850. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has approved a loan assitance of US$ 245 million for various National Highway Project in the country, as reported in the Economic time dated 2.12.1993;

(b) if so, the details of project (Statewise) likely to be covered indicating whether the Project covers widening to four lines of National Highway Number 8 from Gurgaon in Haryana to Kotputli in Rajasthan is also included;

(c) what is the present stage of progress by N.H. 8 and how much more time is required for widening into four lines; and

(d) whether Private Sector has also been asked to invest in such Projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the projects included are as under:

Sl. No.	State	National Highway No.	Highway Name (From/To)
1	HARYANA	8	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Gurgaon-Haryana/Rajasthan Border (Km 36.63 to 107.18)